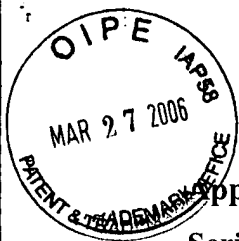


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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2005 setting forth a statutory period for response ending March 29, 2006. Reconsideration of Applicants' claims is requested. Any additional fees required in connection with this amendment may be taken from Deposit Account Number 02-2865. Please amend the above-identified patent application as set forth below:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 8.